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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

This paper responds to the Requirement for Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 11, 2009. Inasmuch as the one-month shortened statutory period for reply is set in the Office Action to expire on January 11, 2010, this response is timely filed and a Request for Extension of Time is not necessary. However, if any additional fee is necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application, Applicants expressly authorize the charging of the same to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Remarks, beginning on page 2, include Applicants' election.